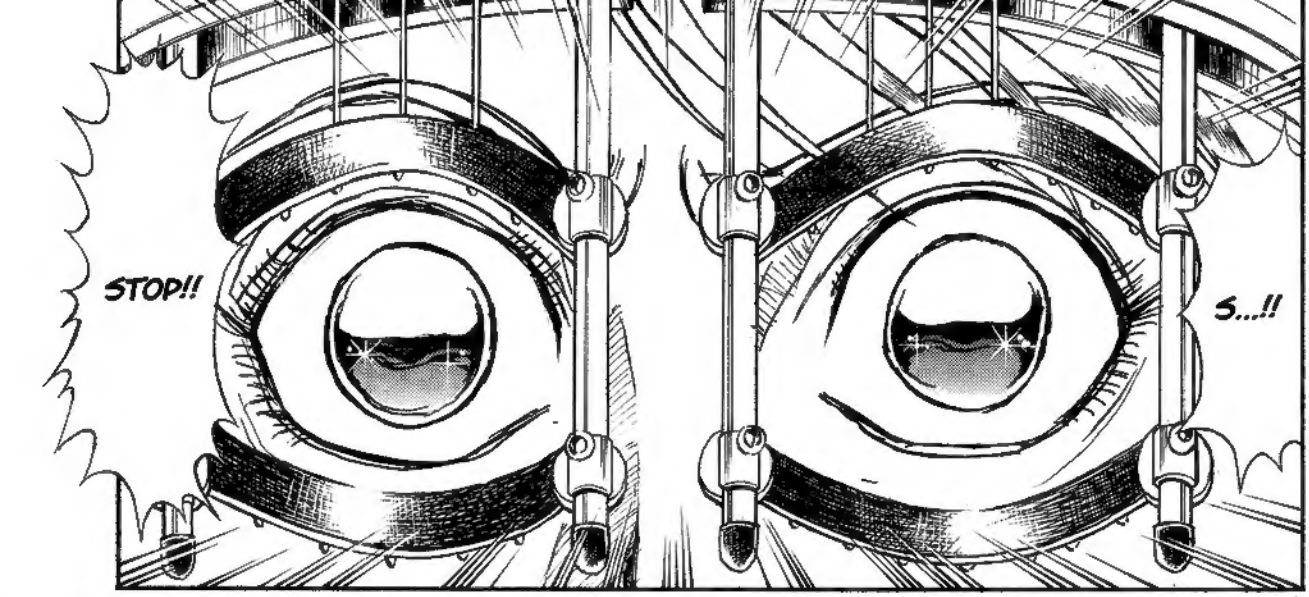




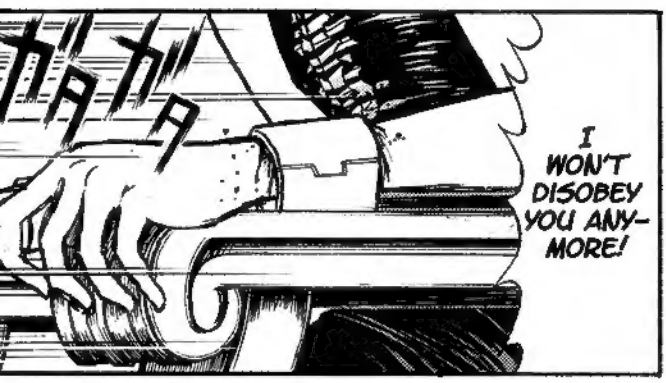

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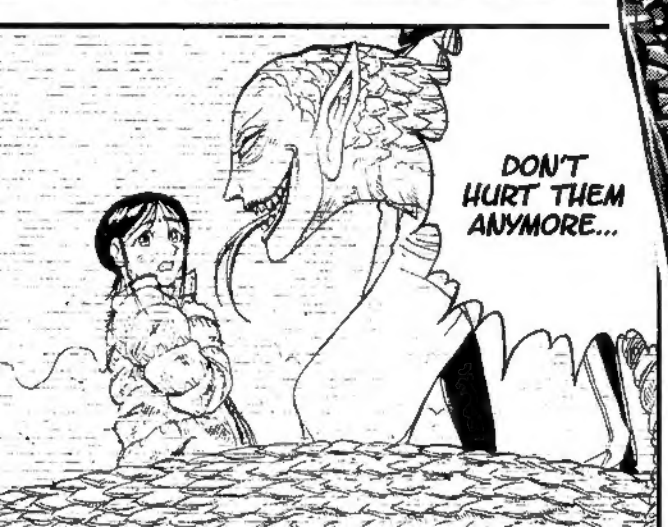

I'M BEGGING YOU, FACE-LESS!

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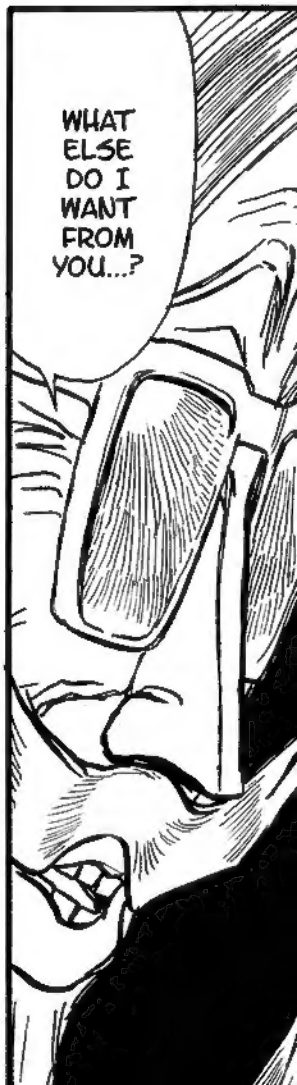
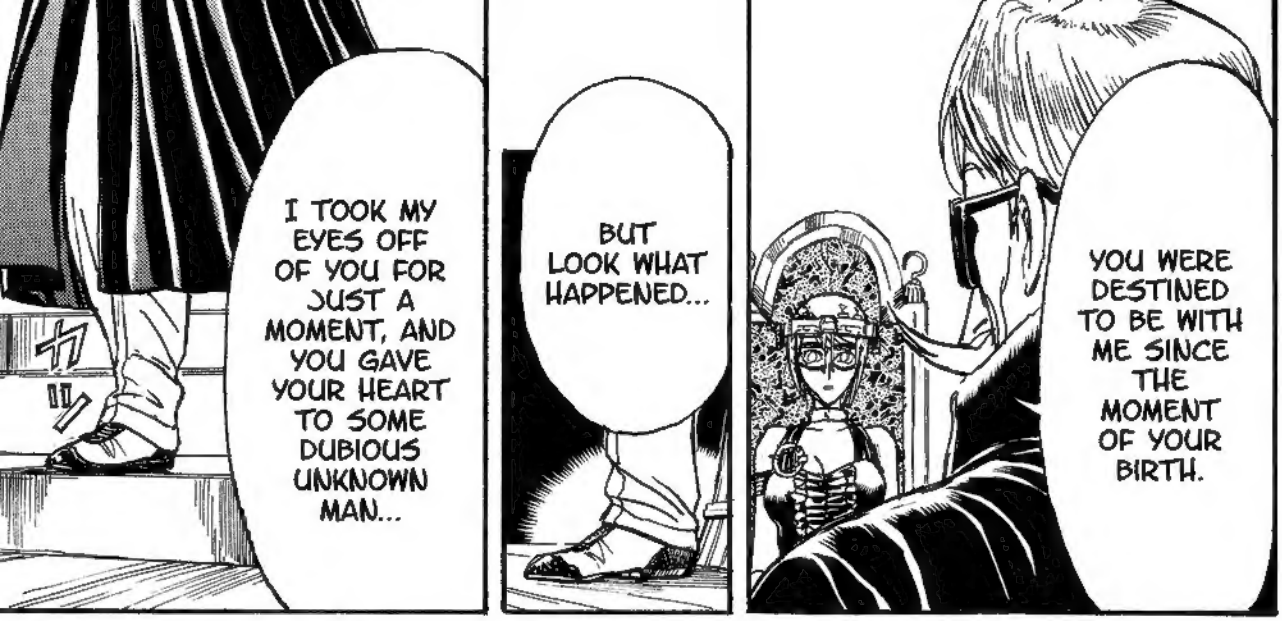
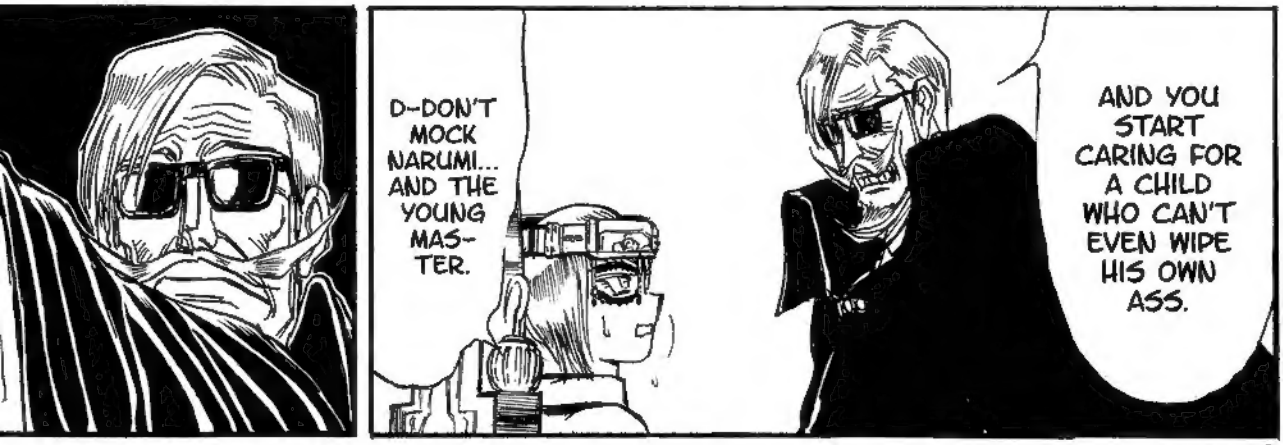
ELEONORE, YOU'RE THE REINCARNATION OF THE LOVE OF MY LIFE...

...YOUR HATRED.
I WANT...


WHAT ELSE DO I WANT FROM YOU...?


I TOOK MY EYES OFF OF YOU FOR JUST A MOMENT, AND YOU GAVE YOUR HEART TO SOME DUBIOUS UNKNOWN MAN...
BUT LOOK WHAT HAPPENED...
YOU WERE DESTINED TO BE WITH ME SINCE THE MOMENT OF YOUR BIRTH.


D-DON'T MOCK NARUMI... AND THE YOUNG MAS-TER.
AND YOU START CARING FOR A CHILD WHO CAN'T EVEN WIPE HIS OWN ASS.

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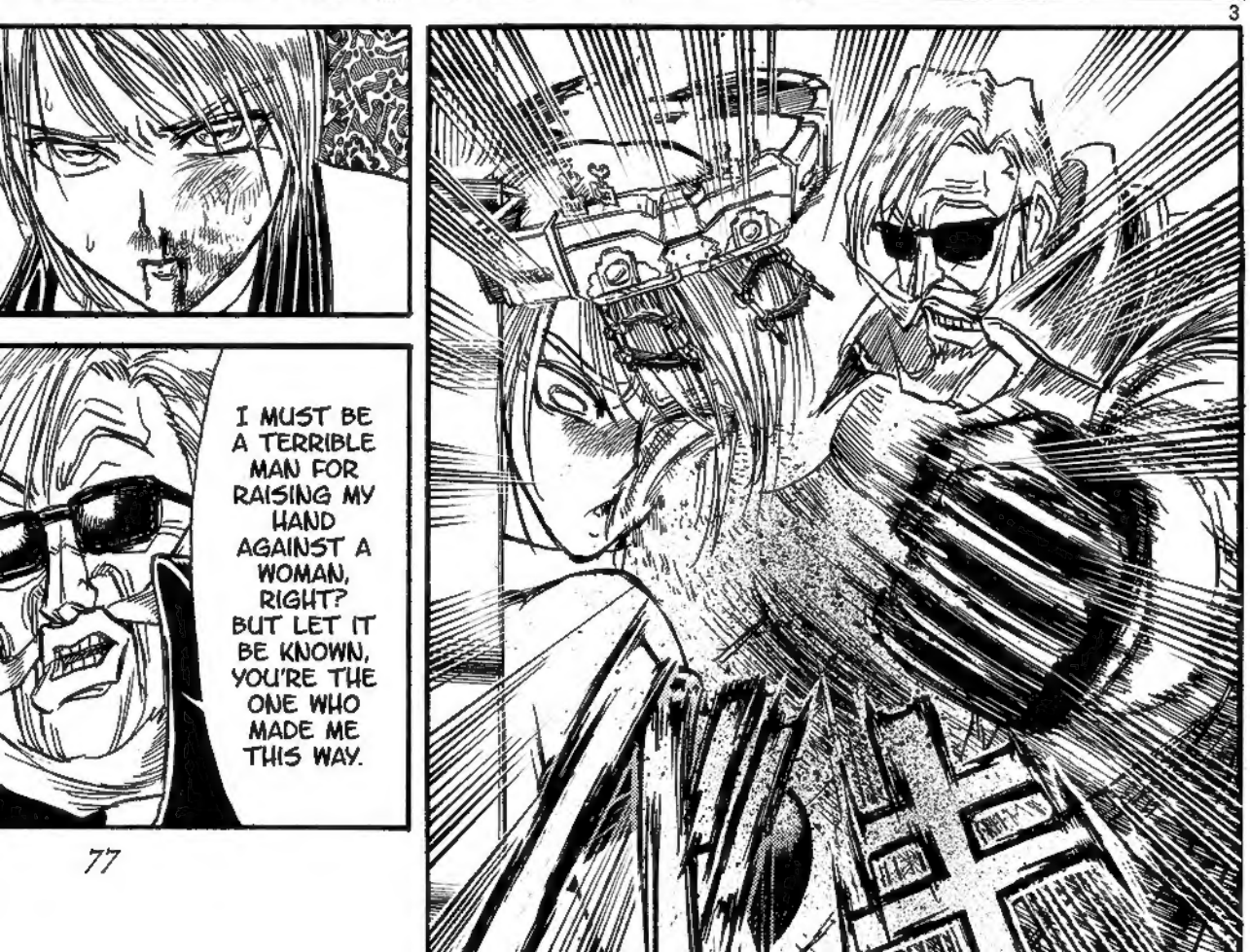
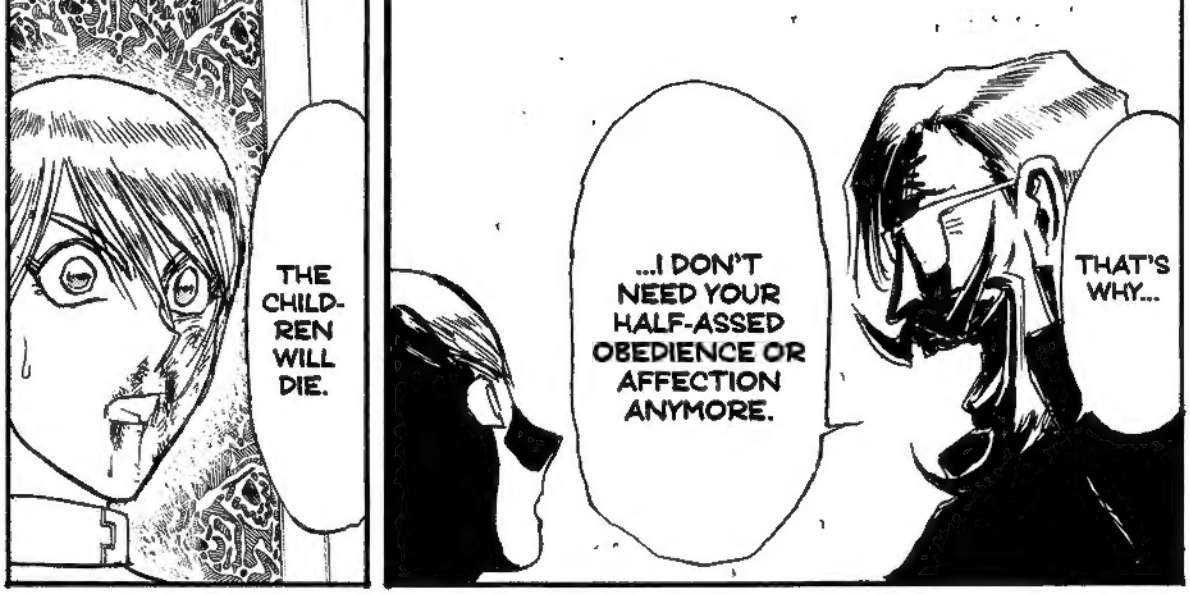
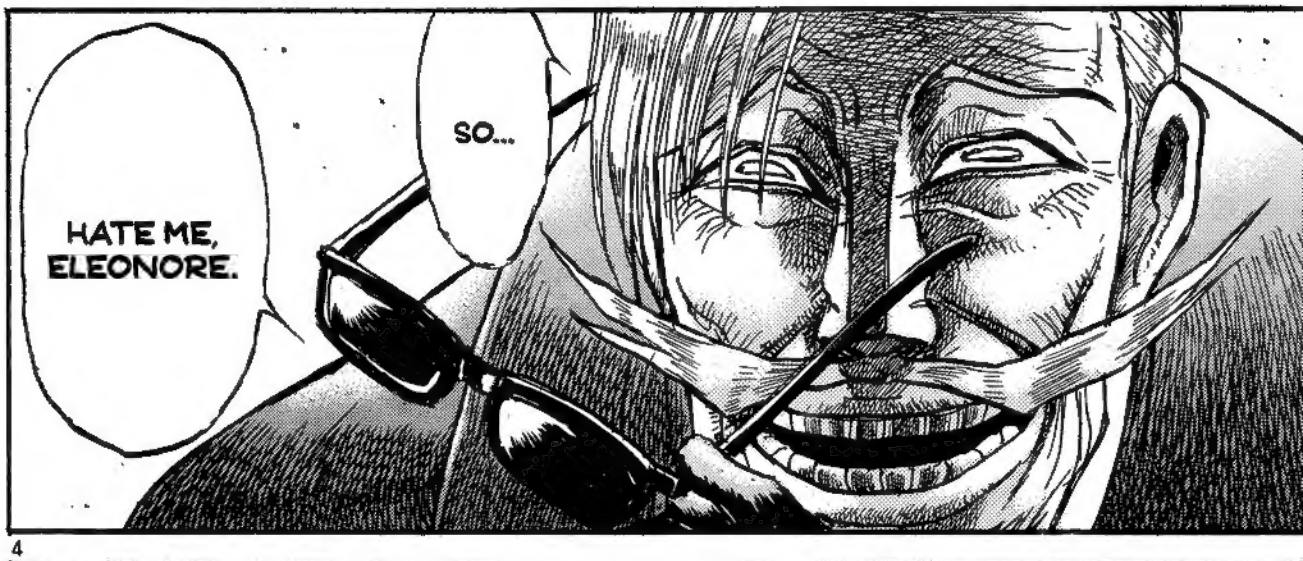

I MUST BE A TERRIBLE MAN FOR RAISING MY HAND AGAINST A WOMAN, RIGHT? BUT LET IT BE KNOWN, YOU'RE THE ONE WHO MADE ME THIS WAY.


THE CHILD-REN WILL DIE.
...I DON'T NEED YOUR HALF-ASSED OBEDIENCE OR AFFECTION ANYMORE.
THAT'S WHY...


HATE ME, ELEONORE.
SO...

M-MASTER FACELESS, COLOMBINE HAS BETRAYED US!

THAT'S THE SPIRIT.
KU-HUH-UH...

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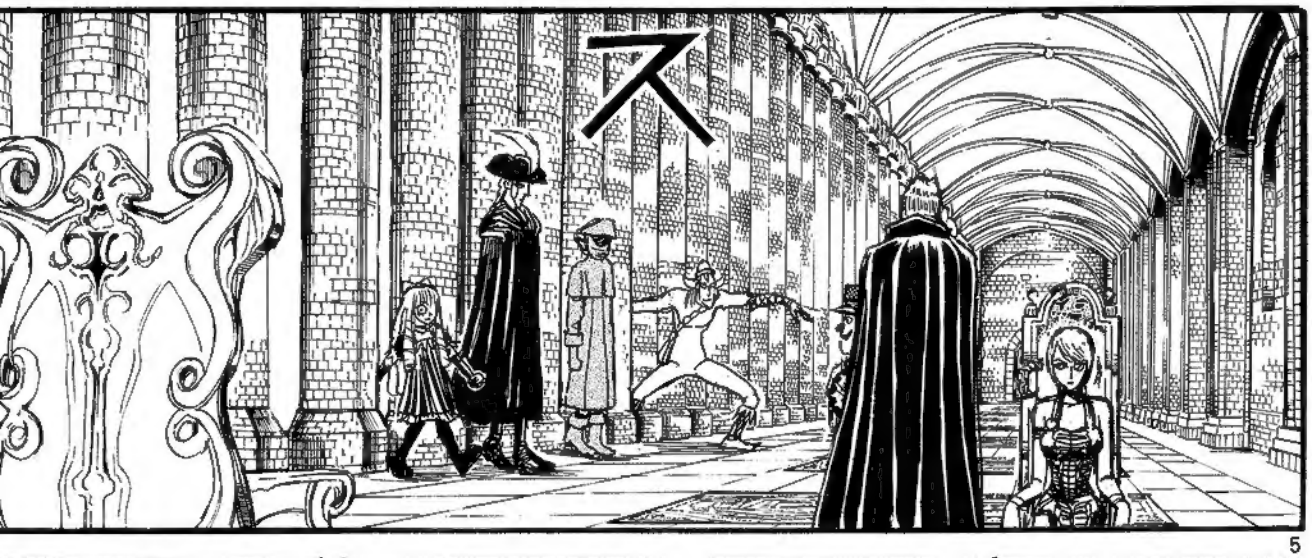
I HATE YOU...

OHH...
SHE'S NOW AT THE BOTTOM OF THE UNDER-GROUND CAVE WITH HIM...
NAYA IS LEADING THE O AFTER THEM!



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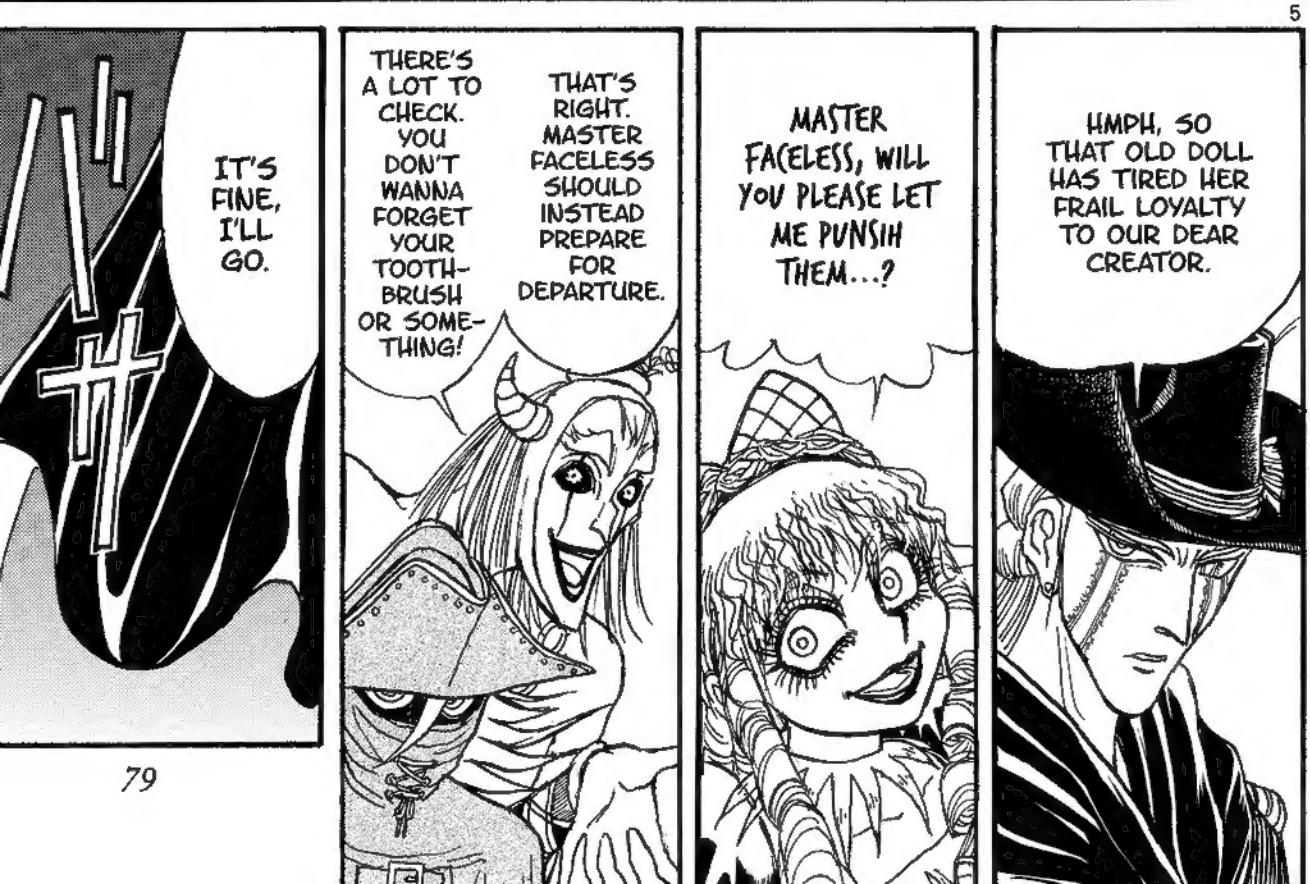
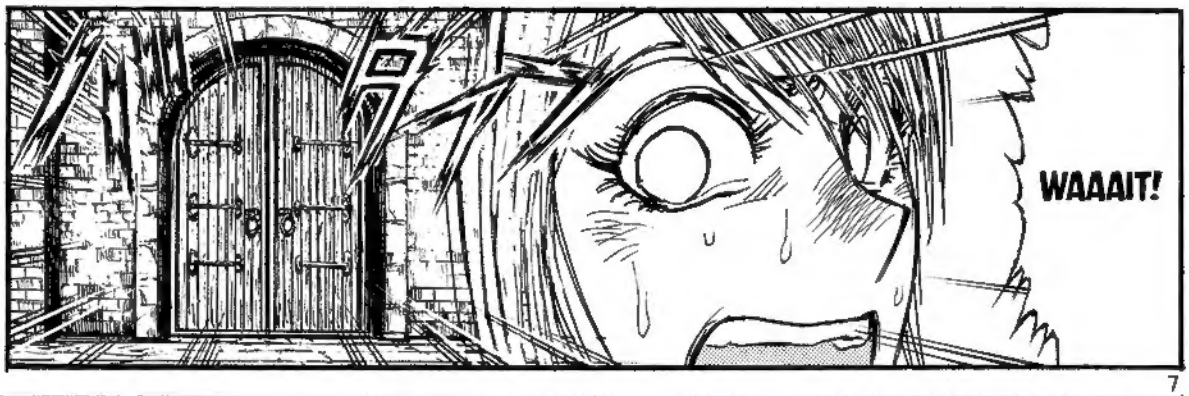

IT'S FINE, I'LL GO.
THERE'S A LOT TO CHECK. YOU DON'T WANNA FORGET YOUR TOOTH-BRUSH OR SOME-THING!
THAT'S RIGHT. MASTER FACELESS SHOULD INSTEAD PREPARE FOR DEPARTURE.
MASTER FACELESS, WILL YOU PLEASE LET ME PUNSIH THEM...?
HMPH, SO THAT OLD DOLL HAS TIRED HER FRAIL LOYALTY TO OUR DEAR CREATOR.

AFTER ALL, HE CARRIES MY MEMO-RIES.
HE IS MUCH STRONGER...
...THAN ANY OF YOU CAN IMAGINE.
I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF MASARU, SO I'M THINKING ABOUT TAKING YOU TO A PLACE WHERE WE CAN GET A NICE VIEW OF THE STARS...
THAT'S RIGHT, WHO WOULD'VE THOUGHT THAT THOSE BRATS WOULD GET HERE?
ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT YOUNG MASTER ...?
"HE..." NO... YOU CAN'T MEAN...

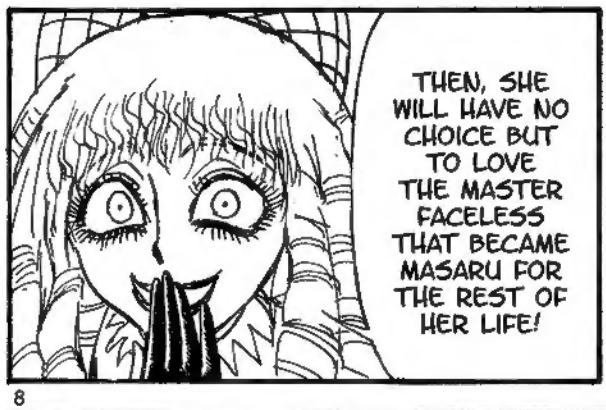
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, HAVING YOU WITH ME IS ENOUGH.
I WILL JUST KILL MASARU.

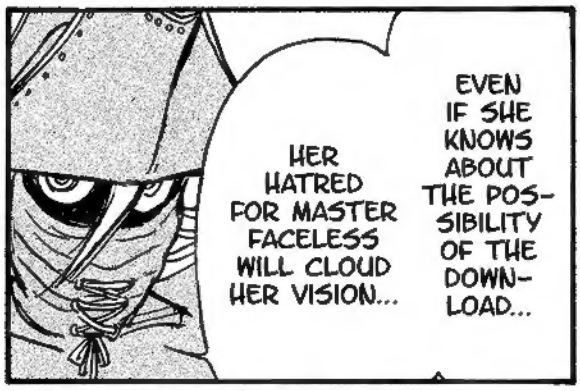
W... WAIT, FACE-LESS!
IF YOU DO SOME-THING TO THE YOUNG MASTER, I'LL NEVER FORGIVE YOU!
I WON'T DO ANY-THING. NOT LETHAL.
WAIT ...


WAAAIT!

KU-HUH-UH...
KYAHAHAHAH, JEEZ, MASTER FACELESS IS JUST SO GOOD AT ACTING (RUDE!
TRULY, WHAT AN EXQUISITE TALK WHEN YOU SAID YOU WERE GOING TO KILL MASARU!
NOW MASTER FACELESS HAS CERTAINLY GAINED ELEONORE'S HATRED.
THAT TALK JUST NOW MADE SURE OF IT...
NOW, MASTER FACELESS WILL DOWNLOAD HIMSELF INTO MASARU'S BRAIN...

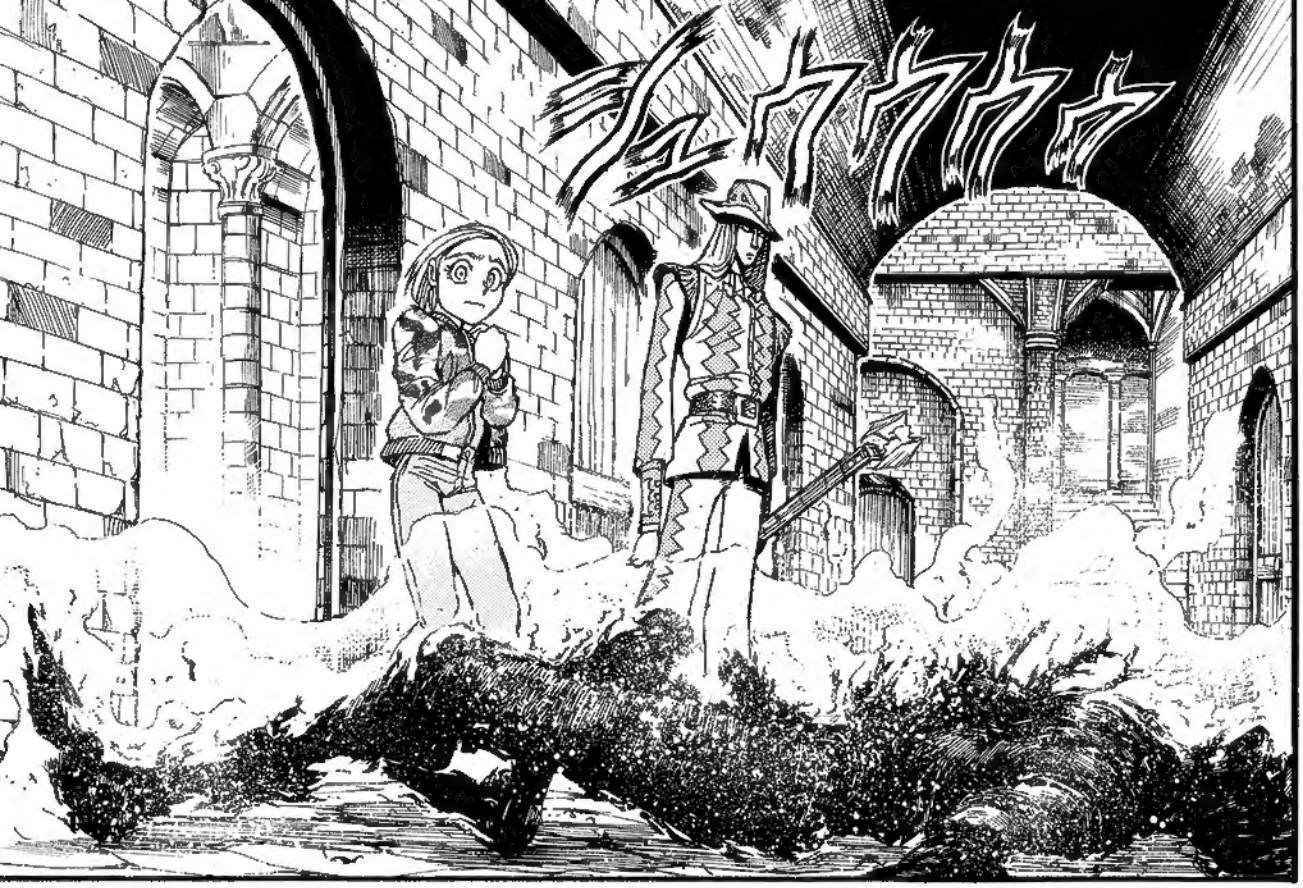
ELEONORE WON'T SUSPECT ME AS MASARU ANYMORE.
IF I BECOME MASARU...
...AND FIGHT AGAINST MY OWN FACELESS BODY...


THEN, SHE WILL HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO LOVE THE MASTER FACELESS THAT BECAME MASARU FOR THE REST OF HER LIFE!


HER HATRED FOR MASTER FACELESS WILL CLOUD HER VISION...
EVEN IF SHE KNOWS ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF THE DOWNLOAD...

S-SO THAT'S HIS PLAN...?
THIS... LOOKS REAL BAD...!

AT THE SEA OF STARS...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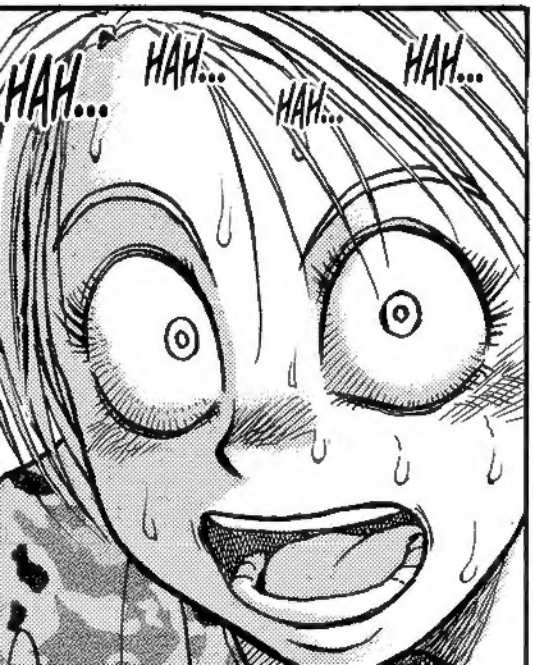
I SAVED YOU BASED ON LADY FRANCINE'S ORDERS TO NOT HURT HUMANS. THAT IS ALL.
HUH?

YOU CAN GO NOW.

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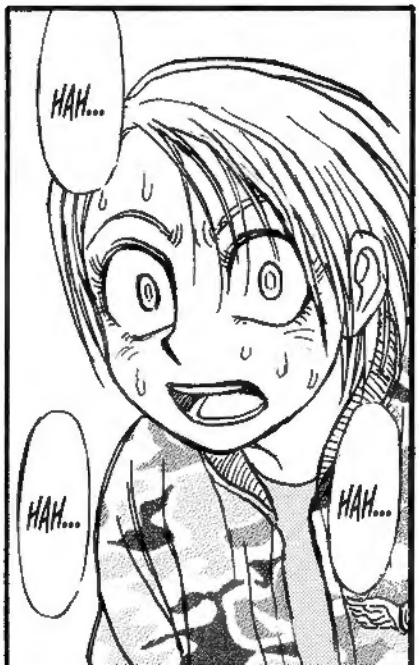
HAH...
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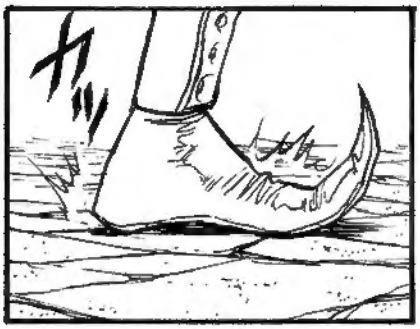
I'M AN AUTOMATA. YOU SHOULD'VE DIED AT THE SIGHT OF ME. HURRY UP AND LEAVE.



...WHAT DID YOU SAY, HUMAN?

DO YOU THINK THE ONE WHO ORDERED YOU... WILL JUST LAUGH IT OFF AND FORGIVE YOU?!
BUT... IF YOU LET ME DIE HERE...

LET'S JUST KILL HIM ALREADY AND REPORT BACK TO MASTER FACELESS.
OH, MAN, THIS IS GETTING TIRE-SOME!
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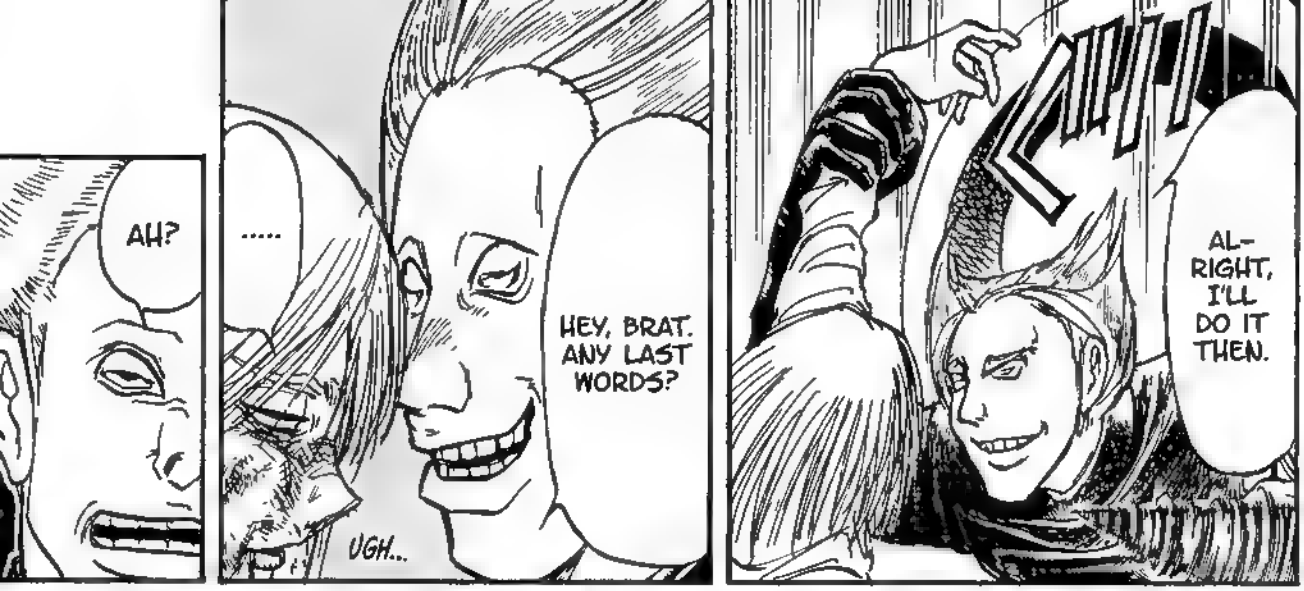
TAKE THIS.


AH?
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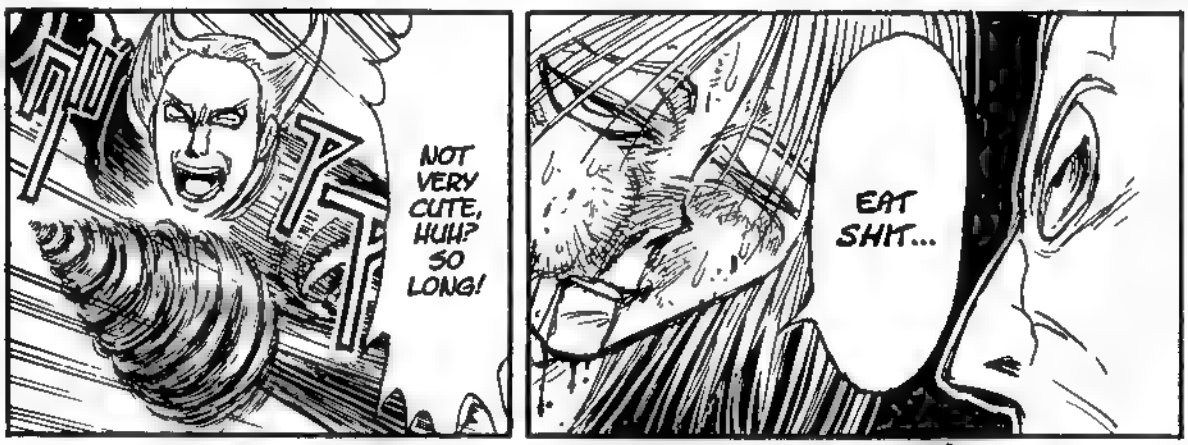
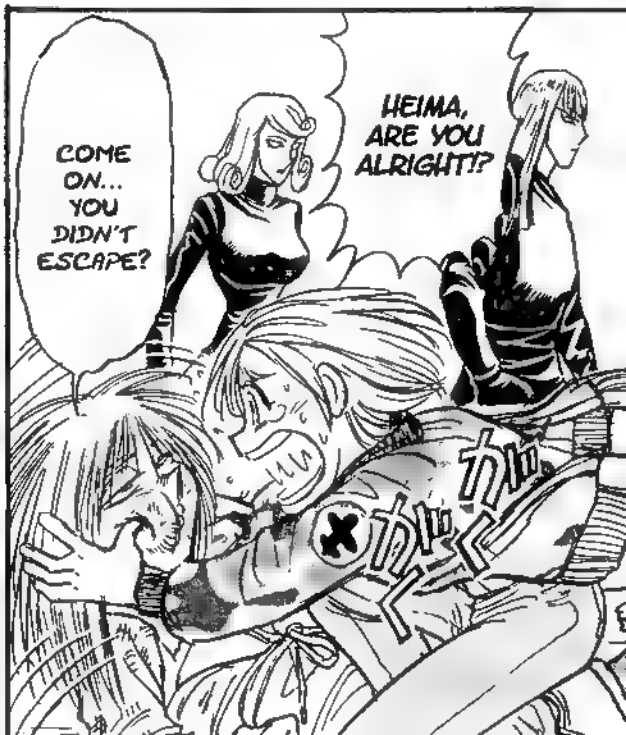
HEY, BRAT. ANY LAST WORDS?
UGH...
AL-RIGHT, I'LL DO IT THEN.


NOT VERY CUTE, HUH? SO LONG!
EAT SHIT...

MARIO!
Y... YOU ARE!?

ARLECCHINO!!

OUTTA THE WAY!! WE WERE TOLD TO KILL THE HUMANS.
LOOKS LIKE THE GEARS OF THIS SHABBY DOLL HAVE GONE RUSTY.


COME ON... YOU DIDN'T ESCAPE?
HEIMA, ARE YOU ALRIGHT!?
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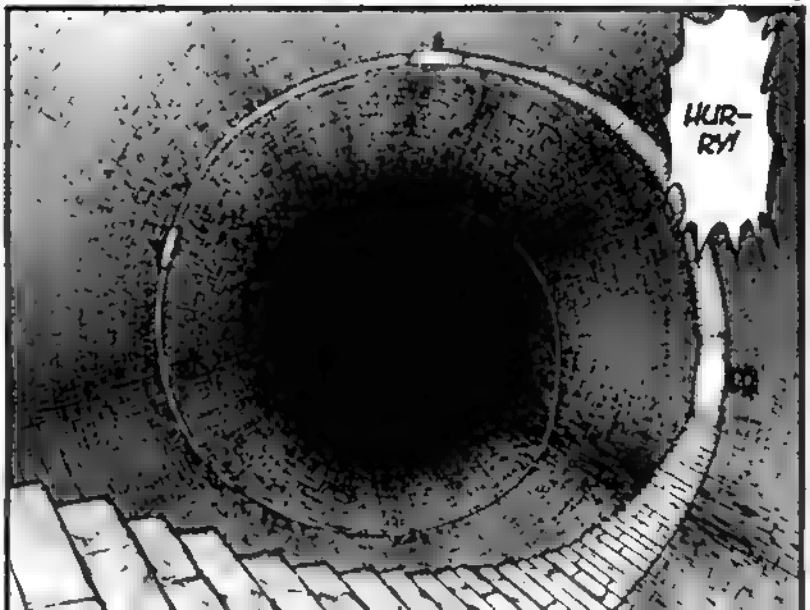
IT APPEARS THAT IF I OVERLOOK A HUMAN GETTING HURT...
...LADY FRANCINE WON'T LAUGH.

THE O'S REAL BODIES ARE STORED DOWN HERE!


HUR-RY!

WE'LL BE DOOMED IF THEY GET OUR BODIES.
DON'T LET MASARU AND COLOMBINE REACH THEM!!
OH MY, HOW UNUSUAL TO SEE YOU ALL HERE, NAYA..
STEP ASIDE, ALMENDRA!
NOT SATISFIED IN BEING AN IMMORTAL SHIROGANE, YOU EVEN CAST AWAY YOUR HUMAN BODIES IN ORDER TO LIVE FOREVER. WHAT COULD YOU BE IN A HURRY FOR?
YOU'RE RIGHT... IT'S NONE OF MY CONCERN.
HOWEVER, I WANTED TO ASK YOU SOMETHING AS AN OLD FRIEND.
WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR GRAVES TO HAVE YOUR REAL NAMES?
HMPH, NOTHING THAT CONCERNS AN OLD HAG LIKE YOU, WHO DROPPED OUT OF THE SHIROGANE TO BECOME THE DOLLS' FORTUNETELLER JUST TO PROLONG HER OWN LIFE.

UH ...
TODAY WILL BE YOUR JUDGMENT DAY, NAYA...
WHA ...
WHAT DID YOU SAY, OLD HAG!?
AREN'T YOU JUST AS OLD, JEAN?
BECAUSE NO ONE CAN WIN AGAINST NATURE...
ON TOP OF THAT, YOU WHO ABANDONED THOSE BODIES IN EXCHANGE OF SOMETHING LIKE "ETERNITY" SHALL LOSE...
BOTH YOU AND I ABANDONED THE BODIES GIVEN TO US BY NATURE AND BECAME SHIRO-GANE...
THIS IS FAREWELL, CLAIRE. AND...
HMPH, THE O CAN WIN, ALMENDRA... OR SHOULD I SAY, YVONNE?
LET'S GO.
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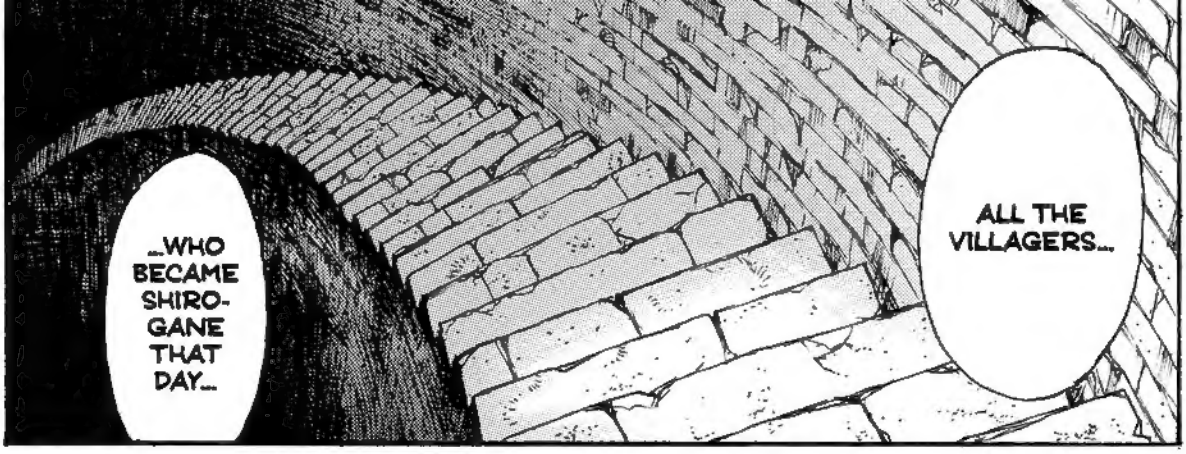
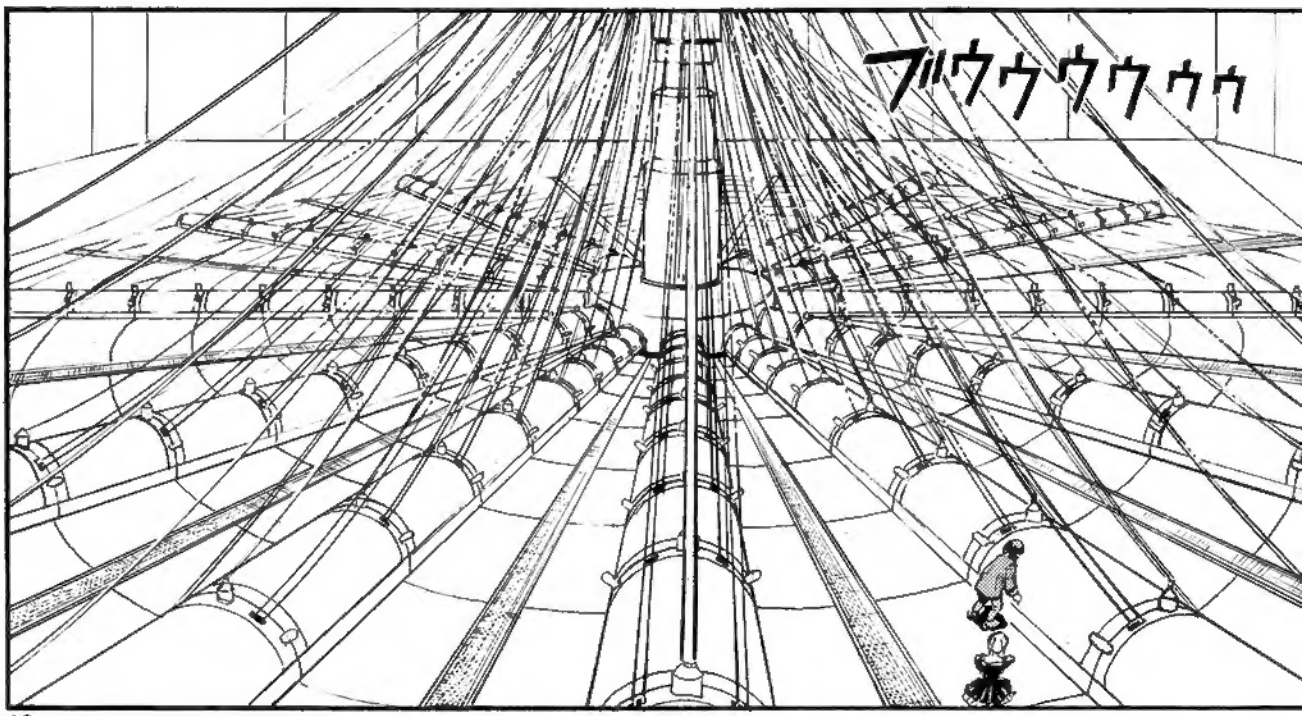

ALL THE VILLAGERS...
...WHO BECAME SHIRO-GANE THAT DAY...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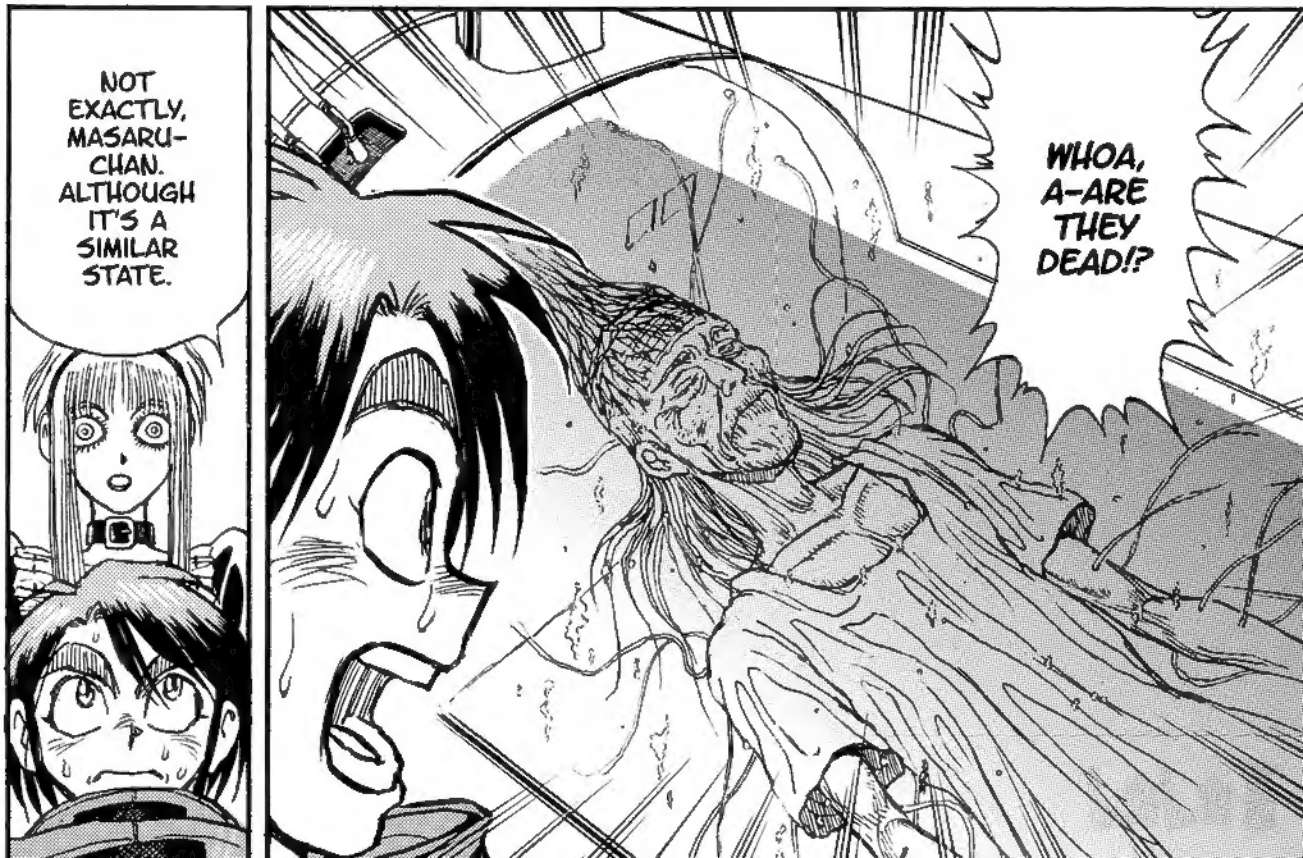
WHOA, A-ARE THEY DEAD!?
NOT EXACTLY, MASARU-CHAN. ALTHOUGH IT'S A SIMILAR STATE.

THEY'RE ALL ASLEEP THANKS TO THE TELOMERASE CONTROL.
SAFELY FLOATING IN THAT SPECIAL ANTIOXIDANT THAT PREVENTS THEM FROM AGING.
HUH !?
THIS IS THE PRESERVATION CENTER FOR THE MECHANICAL HUMANS-O'S REAL BODIES.

THEY HIDE THEIR REAL BODIES HERE AND GO OUT ACTING RECKLESS WITHOUT A CARE.
EVEN IF THE MECHANICAL BODY BREAKS, THE MEMORY FROM THE REAL ONE HERE IS AUTOMATICALLY DOWNLOADED TO A NEW BODY.
THAT'S WHY THEY SHOULD BE GOING CRAZY NOW!
SINCE IT'LL BE PRETTY BAD FOR THEM IF THEIR BODIES HERE BREAK.

...BUT IT'S SO WEIRD... THEY ALWAYS HAVE TWO OF THEMSELVES IN THE WORLD...
THAT'S WHAT I HATE ABOUT THEM.
AS FOR ME, I LIKE THE FACT THAT THERE'S ONLY ONE OF MYSELF.
YEAH ...
HUH?

I FEEL THE SAME!
BESIDES... THEY SPREAD PAIN TO OTHERS WHILE LYING IN SUCH A SAFE PLACE...
IT'S UNFOR-GIVABLE.
W... WHAT?
WE SHARE THE SAME OPINION.
I'M HAPPY.
W-WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? HAVING THE SAME OPINION AS YOU...

THERE THEY ARE.
DON'T LET THEM LAY A FINGER ON OUR BODIES.
MY, OH MY. HERE THEY ARE. WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO, MASARU-CHAN?
I'LL FIGHT.